

**MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, JULY 2, 2008**  
**GENERALIZED SUMMARY**

Councilor Beaver called to order the regular session of the Hamilton County Council at 7:00:55 p.m. Those in attendance were Steve Schwartz, John Hiatt, Jim Belden and Brad Beaver and Meredith Carter. Councilor McKinney arrived at 7:04:46. A quorum was declared by Auditor, Robin Mills.

Councilor Hiatt gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

7:02:10 Councilor Belden moved to approve the minutes of June 4, 2008. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

**COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORT** 7:03:15

President

Vice President:

Highway Committee: Councilor Schwartz

- Meeting was held on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, items discussed will come up later on agenda.

Finance Committee: No Meeting

Personnel: Councilor Belden

- Committee did meet this morning but those items will come before council at the August meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS** 7:03:53

John Hiatt attended Fire Chief's meeting last month, the EMS group brought up the fact that they are having trouble finding people to come into ALS. Job postings were sent out across the state and there were no responses. A representative from the new St. Vincent's Emergency from Exit 10 addressed the group. Sheriff's department chaplain is working to put together a spiritual response team.

**COMMISSIONER UPDATE** 7:04:43 Commissioner Altman

- Stated she has been attending a lot of meetings as a result of the recommendation that came out on transit. There have been several public input meetings the past month. Commissioner Altman has been pleasantly surprised by the support in the community of transit in general and getting it started.
- Express buses have gone extremely, good and bad because they're turning people away. Working on trying to find additional funding for express bus in the whole region.
- The calendar on a decision with respect to the northeast corridor, Nickel Plate recommendation is that public comment will be given to IRTC on August 20<sup>th</sup> with a special meeting in September to consider it.
- The other transportation issue is US 31. Hamilton County has been very involved with the actual framework of how they will do intersections, etc. Commissioner Altman complimented RW Armstrong, the primary design team for the State and INDOT because they have worked to find the best solution for the exchange that will happen at 146<sup>th</sup> Street and 151<sup>st</sup> Street.

7:07:36 Councilor McKinney stated that he and Councilor Belden met with Al Patterson and Terry Prather of the Parks Board and briefly looked at some possibilities of a retreat later in the year to go over future needs and current possible projects of the Parks Department.

**UNFINISHED/TABLED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

7:08:13 Councilor Schwartz motioned to approve vendor claims. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:09:07 Mr. Sonny Beck, Beck's Superior Hybrids, addressed the Council and gave a status update on the tax abatement project.

7:13:07 Mr. Gregg Scott, General Manager of Property Tax for Duke Energy and Mr. Steve Wodtke , Duke Energy Riverwood Plant Manager, addressed the Council and gave a status update on the tax abatement project.

7:17:36 Councilor Hiatt moved to suspend rules and adopt on first reading Ordinance 06-23-08-A "An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council Concerning An Amendment to the Personnel Policy for Hamilton County, Indiana." Councilor Beaver seconded motion to suspend rules. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilor Beaver moved to adopt Ordinance 06-23-08.A. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:19:04 Councilor Schwartz moved to approve mileage reimbursement rate at .585 cents per mile effective July 1, 2008. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:19:28 Councilor Belden moved to approve Assessor's Board of Review additional appropriation request of \$33,000 in 005.000.1320 PTABOA. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:20:15 Councilor Belden moved to approve Coroner additional appropriation request of \$50,000 in 013.000.3713 Other Contractual Services. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:21:44 Councilor Belden resolved to approve Clerk additional appropriation request of \$27,500 in 009.000.1407 Overtime and \$10,000 in 009.000.1300 part time. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

- ❖ Councilor Belden resolved to approve Clerk additional appropriation request of \$60,000 in 009.000.3601 postage. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- ❖ Councilor Belden moved to approve Clerk's election budget transfer of \$9,000 from 023.000.1001 Election Administrator to 023.000.1407 overtime. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- ❖ Councilor Belden resolved to approve Clerk's Perpetuation additional appropriation request of \$37,500 in 363.000.000.3851 Supplement. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:24:25 Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Council additional appropriation request \$10,000 in 015.000.3607 Legal Representation. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:24:50 Councilor Belden moved to approve Court Administration 144 amendment of 018.000.1007 FT Commissioner as SO, Exempt at \$100,518. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

- ❖ Councilor Belden moved to approve Court Administration transfer of \$1,928.94 from 018.000.3003 Crt. Tech Equipment Agreement to 018.000.1007 FT Commissioner Circuit/Superior 1. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:28:48 Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Emergency Management reduction of \$1,172 in 024.000.3301 Telephone. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

- ❖ Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Emergency Management transfer of \$3,000 from 024.000.1001 Executive Director to 024.000.1300 Part Time. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- ❖ Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Emergency Management 144 Amendment adding part time at up to \$12.50 per hour. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.
- ❖ Councilor Hiatt moved to approve LEPC reduction of \$1,172 in 117.000.000.3301 Telephone & Telegraph. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:31:10 Councilor Belden moved to approve Prosecutor IV-D additional appropriation request of \$65 in 033.000.3715 PCA expend. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:31:56 Councilor Belden moved to approve Superior Court 1 additional appropriation request of \$10,000 in 039.000.3702 Food & Lodging of Jurors; \$10,000 in 039.000.3703 Psychological; and \$20,000 in 039.000.1407 Overtime. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:33:31 Councilor Carter moved to approve Superior Court 5 transfer of \$3,600 from 043.000.3010 Witness Fees & Transcripts with \$1,600 going to 043.000.2005 Food & Lodging for Jury and \$2,000 into 043.000.3703 Psychological & Psychiatric. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

- ❖ Councilor Carter moved to approve Superior Court 5 additional appropriation request of \$650 in 043.000.1300 Part time. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:34:51 Councilor Carter moved to approve Superior Court 6 144 amendment allowing payment of two employees from line item 046.000.1006 Clerk Criminal/Civil for a two week training period. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

- ❖ Councilor Carter moved to approve Superior Court 6 transfer of \$1,600 from 046.000.1004 Receptionist/Court Reporter to 046.000.1006 Clerk Criminal. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:35:50 Councilor Belden moved to approve Sheriff reduction of \$125,000 in 037.000.1305 Sheriff Part time. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

- ❖ Councilor Belden moved to approve Jail additional appropriation request of \$125,000 in 027.000.1407 overtime. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:36:57 Councilor Carter resolved to approve Sheriff additional appropriation request of \$230,000 in 037.000.2010 Gasoline. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:41:14 Councilor Beaver moved to approve Voter Registration transfer of \$5,700. \$3,000 from 051.000.3507 Poll Books; \$1,200 from 051.000.3601 Postage and \$1,500 from 051.000.2001 Office Supplies to 051.000.4003 Office Machines by \$5,700. Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:42:10 Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Motor Vehicle Highway additional appropriation request of \$150,000 in 102.000.000.1020 Gasoline and Oil. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:42:44 Councilor Hiatt moved to approve \$15,000 in 358.000.000.4008 vehicles. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:43:25 Councilor Carter moved to approve transfer of \$1,500 from 378.000.000.2001 Office Supplies to 378.000.000.1407 Overtime. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

7:43:46 Councilor Hiatt moved to approve Coroner transfer of \$250 from 013.000.2006 Investigation Supplies to 013.000.3307 Communication. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS 7:44:05**

- Councilor Schwartz announced Hamilton County was named best place in the nation to raise a family by Forbes magazine.
- Councilor Beaver stated the 146<sup>th</sup> Street issue with the Sheriff's department should be an item of discussion at a retreat with the Commissioners.

Consensus of the Council to have Mr. Culp attends the last two hours of budget hearings on day two.

**SHERIFF COMMENTS** No Comments

**ATTORNEY COMMENTS** No Comments

**AUDITOR'S COMMENTS** No Comments

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMENTS**

7:49:33 Councilor Belden moved to adjourn, Councilor Schwartz seconded motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**Those present:**

R. David Bice, Executive Director, EMA  
Gregg Scott, Duke Energy  
Ollie Schierholz, Court Administration  
Thurl Cecil, Coroner  
BJ Casali, ISSD  
Judge Bardach, Superior Court 6  
Fred Swift, Commissioner Asst.  
William Fouts, Daily Times  
Pat Toschlog, Voter Registration

Carl Erickson, Deputy Director, EMA  
Steve Wodtke, Duke Energy  
Brad Davis, Highway  
Tania Lopez, Indy Star  
Judge Sturtevant, Superior Court 5  
Christine Altman, Commissioner  
Dawn Coverdale, Chief Deputy Auditor  
Linda Stoner, Voter Registration

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President

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Auditor